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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD FOR TREATING SURFACE OF
MATERIAL, SURFACE-TREATED
MATERIAL, MEDICAL MATERIAL, AND
MEDICAL INSTRUMENT

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.